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Mr. D S Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D C

My dear Sir:

I am referring to your letter in which you ask for information concerning Paul Haruo Kusuda, Block 32-3-3 Manzanar, California.

In my opinion, this young man is not "Americanized"- he is American. His attitudes and reactions are those of any American youth. He has a deep feeling of social responsibility toward our country. In discussing the evacuation last spring, he said, "Why this will cost a lot of money. It may even hinder the war effort."

He is less reticent than the usual Nisei and has fine qualities of leadership. He both speaks and writes unusually well. He was a leader in his junior college before the evacuation and has, I believe, taken an active part in such democratic activities as are afforded at Manzanar.

I can give no information concerning his occupational abilities. He is highly intelligent and could easily learn any required skill. If I were an employer, I would engage him without any hesitancy.

I have followed the evacuation and relocation programs carefully, and with great interest, and realize some of the difficulties of the task. In my opinion, the present policy of relocation is extremely constructive. I feel that these young people of Japanese descent are an asset to our country and have a real contribution to make. Their successful relocation will give the lie to Hitler and the Japanese militarists, and strengthen our democracy before all the peoples of the world.

If I can in any way aid your program, please call upon me.

Yours very truly,

Afton Bill Nance